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SUBJECT: REPORT OF INVITATIONS TO PANAMA

REF: PARAMARIBO 778 (NOTAL)

1. IN CONNECTION WITH PRESIDENT CARTER'S FORTHCOMING VISIT TO PANAMA ON JUNE 16-17 TO DELIVER INSTRUMENTS OF RATIFICATION OF PANAMA CANAL TREATIES, PANAMA HAS INVITED OR WILL INVITE CHIEFS OF STATE/HEADS OF SO-CALLED BOGOTA FIVE. THESE ARE COSTA RICA, COLOMBIA, JAMAICA, MEXICO AND VENEZUELA. U.S. IS NOT INVOLVED IN INVITATIONS, BUT PLANNING FOR PRESIDENT'S TRIP ASSUMES PRESENCE OF ALL OR MOST OF LEADERS OF NAMED COUNTRIES. PANAMA RESTRICTING INVITATIONS TO COUNTRIES MENTIONED WHOSE LEADERS PARTICIPATED IN 1977 BOGOTA MEETING AT WHICH THEY URGED PANAMA AND U.S. TO CONTINUE NEGOTIATIONS
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TO MUTUALLY SATISFACTORY CONCLUSION.

2. SINCE PANAMA RESPONSIBLE FOR INVITATIONS, WE SUGGEST THAT YOU LIMIT RESPONSE TO PRESS QUERIES TO STATEMENT THAT YOU UNDERSTAND THAT PANAMA HAS OR WILL BE EXTENDING INVITATIONS ONLY TO LEADERS OF COUNTRIES NAMED AND REFER FURTHER QUESTIONS ON THIS SUBJECT TO PANAMANIAN EMBASSY. VANCE

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